

including an employee engaged in this activity who is transferred to a supervisory or administrative position; and

“(30) ‘Immigration and Naturalization inspector’ means an employee of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the duties of whose position are primarily the controlling and guarding of the boundaries and borders of the United States against the illegal entry of aliens, including an employee engaged in this activity who is transferred to a supervisory or administrative position.”.

## SEC. 2. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

(a) TREATMENT AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.—Section 8401(17) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “such term includes any revenue officer, customs inspector, customs canine enforcement officer, and Immigration and Naturalization inspector;”.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 8401 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (31);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (32) and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(33) ‘revenue officer’ means an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, the duties of whose position are primarily the collection of delinquent taxes and the securing of delinquent returns, including an employee engaged in this activity who is transferred to a supervisory or administrative position;

“(34) ‘customs inspector’ means an employee of the United States Customs Service, the duties of whose position are primarily to—

“(A) enforce laws and regulations governing the importing and exporting of merchandise;

“(B) process and control passengers and baggage;

“(C) interdict smuggled merchandise and contraband; and

“(D) apprehend (if warranted) persons involved in violations of customs laws, including an employee engaged in this activity who is transferred to a supervisory or administrative position;

“(35) ‘customs canine enforcement officer’ means an employee of the United States Customs Service, the duties of whose position are primarily to work directly with a dog in an effort to—

“(A) enforce laws and regulations governing the importing and exporting of merchandise;

“(B) process and control passengers and baggage;

“(C) interdict smuggled merchandise and contraband; and

“(D) apprehend (if warranted) persons involved in violations of customs laws, including an employee engaged in this activity who is transferred to a supervisory or administrative position; and

“(36) ‘Immigration and Naturalization inspector’ means an employee of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the duties of whose position are primarily the controlling and guarding of the boundaries and borders of the United States against the illegal entry of aliens, including an employee engaged in this activity who is transferred to a supervisory or administrative position.”.

## SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; PRIOR SERVICE.

(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Act and the amendments made by this Act—

(1) shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply with respect to an individual only if such individual serves as a revenue officer, customs inspector, customs canine enforcement officer, or Immigration

and Naturalization inspector on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) PRIOR SERVICE.—

(1) EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS.—In administering chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to an individual who satisfies subsection (a)(2), the amendments made by this Act shall be disregarded for purposes of any service performed before the effective date of this Act as a revenue officer, customs inspector, customs canine enforcement officer, or Immigration and Naturalization inspector, unless such individual deposits into the Fund, within such time and in such manner as the Office of Personnel Management by regulation requires, an amount equal to the amount by which—

(A) the deductions from pay which would have been required for such service had such amendments then been in effect; exceeds

(B) the amounts actually deducted from such pay (less any amounts refunded and not repaid),

with interest.

(2) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the full amount required under paragraph (1) has been paid by an individual, the agency that employed such individual during the period of service to which such amount relates shall pay into the Fund, with interest, an amount equal to the amount by which—

(A) the Government contributions which would have been required for such service, had such amendments then been in effect; exceeds

(B) the Government contributions actually made for such service.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act, including regulations for determining the amount of any interest to be paid under this section.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section—

(1) each of the terms “revenue officer”, “customs inspector”, “customs canine enforcement officer”, and “Immigration and Naturalization inspector” has the meaning given it by section 8331 or 8401 (as the case may be) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this Act; and

(2) the term “Fund” means the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund under section 8348 of title 5, United States Code.

## STOP THE ASSAULT ON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

**HON. MAJOR R. OWENS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, the Republican assault on public broadcasting represents outrageous overkill by the elite oppressive group that presently holds power in Congress. The benefits of public broadcasting far outweigh the costs. Probably nowhere else in the budget do we achieve a better cost-benefits ratio. American taxpayers definitely get their money's worth from its investment in quality programs on a vast array of topics, subjects, and issues. Like any complex institution public broadcasting can certainly be improved. It must end the trend toward more advertising. There is a need to stop catering to established commentators who have already become well known through commercial media. Instead of repeating the same voices and faces, public broadcasting should give us new ones. Cer-

tain producers should be told “5 years and you're off” in order to make way for younger talent. The exception to this rule, however, must prevail in the area of children's programming. Some excellent programs for this group will never be picked up by commercial media. We must protect the rights of future children to enjoy Big Bird and Barney. Let us save money somewhere else in the budget, starting with bank bailouts, Mexican bailouts, and welfare for rich farmers. Taxpaying parents are ready to revolt if the Washington budget axe fails on Big Bird and Barney.

## PROTECT BIG BIRD AND BARNEY

Big Bird and Barney

Must Go

To help hungry bankers

In Mexico

Leadership plays its role

Guiding big bankers

To the dole

Twenty billion plus

Won't make jobs for us

Please children don't cry

Democracy didn't yet die

Brave knights are riding

Budget axe monsters

Can't keep hiding

Big Bird and Barney

Must go

To help hungry bankers

In Mexico

But babies don't cry

Our voting parents

Will counterattack

To win

Big Bird and Barney back.

## TRIBUTE TO ORTENSIA LOPEZ

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 3, 1995*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ortensia Lopez and her upcoming induction into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Ortensia Lopez is an exceptional public servant who has demonstrated remarkable leadership in our community. She is the second of 11 children born to parents from Mexico and the first in her family to graduate from college. Since 1977, she has worked as the executive officer of the North Peninsula Neighborhood Services Center, and she is currently serving as executive director of the Bay Area Latino Non-Profit Association. In addition, Ms. Lopez is the cofounder of the Hispanic Concilio of San Mateo County, the Latino Issues Forum, and Sur San Francisco. She has also served on countless boards and commissions such as the State and local Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Chicana/Latina Foundation, the AIDS Advisory Task Force, and Seton Hospital. Her dedicated service has been recognized with the Bank of America Hispanic Heroes and Heroines Award, the United Way of the Bay Area Volunteer of the Year Award, and the Hispanic Yellow Pages Community Recognition Award, among many others.

Mr. Speaker, Ortensia Lopez is an outstanding citizen, and I commend her for her remarkable commitment and contributions to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting her as she is being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.